

Upon notice duly given under Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431, et seq., as amended, the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019, in the City Council Chambers, 1255 Marina Boulevard, Bullhead City, Arizona.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brady called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and invited Vice Mayor Wegmann to deliver the invocation. Mayor Brady led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Council Present

Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann

Council Absent

None

Staff Present:

CITY MANAGER: Toby Cotter

CITY ATTORNEY: Garnet Emery

DEPUTY CITY CLERK: Debie Ogden

POLICE CHIEF: Brian Williamson

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Rudy Vera

INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Angie Johnson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Jeff Tipton

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR: Glen Wiltse

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. City's 35th Anniversary of Incorporation – Comments from Elected Officials

Mayor Brady said the date of August 28th signified the 35th Anniversary of the city's incorporation.

City Manager Cotter said a breakfast was held this morning to celebrate the occasion. He said cake would be available in the City Hall lobby for the public to enjoy on August 28th.

Former Bullhead City Mayor Jack Hakim said it had been a great year for the city. He said, five years ago, they planted 30 trees in Rotary Park in commemoration of the city's 30th Anniversary. He said he first became involved with the city in 1999. He said the hiring of City Manager Cotter was the best thing the city had ever done. He said the Council and staff was doing a great job, and said he was so proud to have been a part of the growth and development of the city.

Elsie Needles from the Colorado River Historical Society invited everyone to visit the new Colorado River Museum in Community Park.

Karole Finkelstein from the Colorado River Historical Society said they were excited about what was happening in the community, especially at the Museum. She thanked everyone in the community for their support.

Larry Kendrick from News West Publishing presented a plaque in commemoration of the city's 35th anniversary to the City Council on behalf of the *Mohave Valley Daily News*.

All of the current and former elected officials and dignitaries assembled for a photo opportunity.

Mayor Brady said the citizens were eternally grateful for everything the former city elected officials had done for the city. He said he remembered when the second traffic light in the city was located at Lakeside and Hancock, and said Mike Connor had to change the light bulbs in the signal lights. He said Bullhead City had come a long way. He said the 1980 census indicated a population of 9,000; and said the population was now 40,000. He said the city had the water allocation for growth up to 100,000.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Brady opened the call to the public.

Al Scigliano said he remembered when the third traffic light was installed at Ramar Road and Highway 95. He said the volunteers should also be commended for everything they did to make this community the best it could be. He told some stories during the time he was part of the original City Council that created the first city ordinances.

Jamie Starr said the "Marina" business district should be included in a revitalization effort similar to the current Original Bullhead area improvement program. She said the median on Marina Blvd. had weed problems and asked if the city could maintain the median more frequently. She said some properties in that area were run down and looked unsightly. She said the gutters along the road collected debris and asked if the street sweeping schedule could be more frequent. She said American water should not be controlled by a foreign company, and said she was in support of taking over the water company.

Scotty McClure said the Fort Mohave development land use map indicated land near the Big Bend area would be developed to include a solar facility, industrial park, and residential buildings. He asked why the second bridge could not be built at the end of Marina Blvd. He said the Laughlin Town Board members were silenced by the Clark County administration to not discuss the second bridge.

Having no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Brady closed the call to the public.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

WAIVER MOTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Wegmann made a motion to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for adoption at this meeting. Council Member Bruck seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Boys and Girls Club Program Updates – Autumn Boyle-Robinson

Autumn Boyle-Robinson said the Boys and Girls Club had been there for 31 years. She thanked the city for the \$50,000 contribution that allowed them to serve 1,600 children ages 5 to 18; and said they opened an off-site teen center in February. She said the teen center had been very successful over the course of the summer and said they served 50 teens per day with a waiting list of more than 50. She said they took 18 members to the Grand Canyon for a hiking trip. She discussed the various programs offered. She said the club employed 70 people during the summer. She discussed their thrift store located on Hancock Road that brought in consistent funding.

2. Water Safety Program

Police Chief Williamson said the police department, fire department, lifeguards, and the water safety and rescue team would continue their river coverage past Labor Day. He said the crowds were bigger this year than they had seen in the past, and said there had been some drowning incidents. He said the river current was strong and the water could get very deep quickly. He said most accidents were caused by recklessness and inexperience in the operation of personal watercraft. He asked the entire community to partner together to help keep the river more safe.

City Manager Cotter said every watercraft rental business had been audited by the city, as well as the launch sites. He said they were targeting that industry in the name of safety to ensure compliance.

3. Update on Street Construction Projects

City Manager Cotter said construction was in process on the Mohave Drive and Miracle Mile intersection, Original Bullhead CDBG project, and said the contract had been awarded for construction of the traffic signal at Corwin Road and Highway 95.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS ON CURRENT EVENTS

None

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

1. Discussion and possible action to appoint two citizens to serve as Realtor Representatives on the city's Real Estate Owned (REO) Committee. (City Manager Cotter)

City Manager Cotter said two citizens with real estate backgrounds were required to serve on the city's Real Estate Owned Committee. He said Council Member/REO Member Tami Ring and he got together and selected two realtors, Nick Faulks and Todd Levitt. He said both individuals expressed interest in serving on the committee.

Both Nick Faulks and Todd Levitt discussed their qualifications.

MOTION: Council Member Ring made a motion to appoint Nick Faulks and Todd Levitt to serve as Realtor Representatives on the city's Real Estate Owned (REO) Committee. Vice Mayor Wegmann seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

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PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Building, Planning and Zoning Items

None

Bid Awards, Contracts, Intergovernmental Agreement, and Purchases

None

Other Business

2. Discussion and possible action to approve the allocation of a portion of Bullhead City's water rights in the amount of 66 acre-feet per year to the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGF) for the completion of a backwater pond project for wildlife and fish habitat located in the Colorado River Nature Center Section 10. (City Manager Cotter)

Anthony Kozlowski, Assistant to the City Manager, said the Arizona Game and Fish Department had requested a 66 acre-feet yearly water allocation in order to finish the backwater pond project.

Council Member Clark said it was his understanding the Department of Water Resources had taken back the 66 acre-feet that was assigned to the area because the city did not install the pond. He said it was also his understanding that they would not give this to Game and Fish but would remain in Bullhead City's entitlement.

Mr. Kozlowski said the proposed allocation would let them finish the project, and said it would be given back to the city.

City Manager Cotter said this was still a viable project, and said they were essentially giving the water allocation to themselves.

Council Member Clark said ponds were discovered to be problematic and asked that they take a long, hard look at this project before moving forward.

City Manager Cotter said this was in the agreement to maintain the Nature Center, and said someone would have to step up with the water allocation if the ponds were to ever be built.

Council Member Clark said he wanted to confirm the city was not giving up part of its entitlement to Arizona Game and Fish.

Mayor Brady asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Scotty McClure asked if reclaimed water could be used for the ponds. He said today's newspaper indicated the Feds were cutting allocations on river water. He asked if the ponds would have an effect on the river and the second bridge. He said he did not want to give away any water allocation.

City Manager Cotter said they wanted a fresh water allocation. He said the city could potentially use the injected water in the future.

Council Member Clark said the water allocation would remain as the city's entitlement and was only assigned to the nature center for a period of time, and said the likelihood of the ponds ever getting built was extremely remote.

Council Member D'Amico asked about the reason why the city was allocating water for ponds that might never be built.

City Manager Cotter said one of the ponds was tied to the bridge project. He said one of the obligations of the bridge was to build a small berm protecting the Nature Center from the bridge traffic. He said one of the backwater pond locations would be dug out to create the berm.

Jack Hakim said water was the most precious resource, and said he wanted to make sure the city's water allocations were protected.

City Attorney Emery suggested changing the word "to" to "for" the Arizona Game and Fish Department in the motion to clarify the allocation would remain with the city.

Council Member Clark requested that the clarification be included in the motion.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Wegmann made a motion to approve the allocation of a portion of Bullhead City's water rights in the amount of 66 acre-feet per year for the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGF), for the completion of a backwater pond project for wildlife and fish habitat located in the Colorado River Nature Center Section 10, and to clarify the annual 66 acre-feet allocation would remain as a city-owned water allocation. Council Member Clark seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: Brady, Bruck, Clark, D'Amico, Ring, Shutts, Wegmann NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

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COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS

None

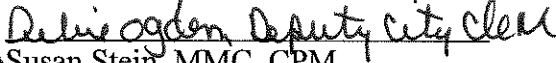
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullhead City held on the 19th day of August 2019. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 3rd day of September 2019.


for Susan Stein, MMC, CPM
City Clerk